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Reply to "OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY" from 11 AUG2005
10/776,696 Applicant Norenberg, Holger

Thank you for the "Office Action Summary" from 11 AUG 2005. We reply as follows:

- The font size has increased to 12 (point 1 of OAS).
- The abstract has been amended to a single paragraph on a separate sheet (points 2,3 of OAS).
- The informalities have been corrected (point 4 of OAS).
- Claims 36-40, 42-45 and 47-49 have been removed.
- Claim 46 has been rewritten (point 17 of OAS).

Claim 41 was rejected (point 13 of OAS) as "...as being unpatentable over Schubert et al. (US Pub. No. 20050079404) in view of Engle (US Pat. 6766682). As far as we are aware the Schubert application has a filing date of Oct. 9, 2003. We claim in US Pub. No. 20040225457 a priority date of Feb. 13, 2003, which is about 8 months earlier. Furthermore, to the best of our belief, the Engle patent does not contain something like "... a gas container has a movable part for changing the internal volume..."

Could you please double-check the priority dates and - if possible - allow claim 41.

A copy with the amendments is attached.


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